Middlebrook News.

Esca Helms, of this place, has gone to Spottswood station, on the B. & O. R. R., to clerk for Mr. Spencer. Esca is a sharp boy and will make an excellent clerk. Mr. Spencer is a far seeing man, and saw the good qualities possessed by the young gentleman. The latter seeing things were dead here availed himself of the opportunities offered elsewhere. We suppose there are less chances for young men to get positions and get a start into the world right here than any place in the State. We often hear people say, "Why is it you never see a boy learning a trade any more?" It is easily answered. Those who conduct business for themselves have to see work of any value taken from their midst elsewhere to be done, and the boys are profiting by what they see going on around them.

We have an Alliance here now and everybody nearly is joining it. Business is good we believe, with most every one. There is some talk of several of our citizens moving elsewhere to see if they cannot better their financial condition.

Our town boasts of a man who has not washed or changed his clothing this winter for fear of catching cold. There are a good many cases of *La Grippe* here. Your correspondent had a round with it last week himself.

Mr.——Stouffer, of Saline Co., Missouri, is here visiting relatives. Mrs. Dull, residing with her son-in law Mr. W. B. Glover, near here, is his sister. He was born and raised in this county, but many years ago migrated West and settled in Missouri. He is a large, portly, fine-looking gentleman, and we would presume he has been well used in his western home. His father used to be well and favorably known as an extensive builder and contractor in this county many years ago. There are many barns yet standing in this country as monuments of his skill and industry. We have not had the pleasure of talking to this gentleman, hence we do not know whether his aged father still lives or not.

Patridge-shooting still goes on with some folks despite the fact the law now forbids their being killed, and a heavy fine is imposed for violation of the law. Somebody will get into trouble yet.

Officer Dull went though here last Friday, having—— Sansibaugh in charge—taking him to Staunton jail. The particulars were these: He and Mr. David Sansibaugh, of Walker's Creek, had a "Rumpus," in which he struck the latter and had to go to jail for it.

Jas. Smith, of Lexington, is here visiting friends and relatives, after his recent spell of sickness, and the great sorrow of losing his loving wife by death.

Mrs. Tally, who has been ill, is a great deal improved; so much so she can be up and around the house. We hope she may soon be fully restored to her good health of former days.

Mr. Green Kerr has moved from here to his farm which he purchased near here not long since.

We notice the cemetery here is being converted into a cow lot by somebody. Since the downfall of the old brick church, there seems to be little concern what becomes of the cemetery wherein sleep many people. There always has been an element here who have shown a disposition to desecrate th grave yard and lay unholy hands on the fencing thereof for fuel &c. This place needs a cemetery very badly, and if the Rev. Sam. C. Whitmore had remained here it would have had one, as he seemed to be the only one having energy enough in that direction to have secured one. We wonder if the people of those new towns springing up send any work they want done off somewhere else to have it done. We guess not; that is the way to build up a town. When you see all the work from a place going somewhere else to be done, you may know that place is never going to be anything. There is a great deal done now a-days to kill a place under the name of encouraging home industry, and is generally by those who boast loudest of the aid they give the laboring man.

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